THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The Union Planning Secretary, in his personal capacity, had enumerated a 10-point strategy to boost tourism at the Annual Convention of Travel Agents Association of India at Goa in September 1991. The suggestions made such as massive promotion campaign for inviting tourists, massive construction programme for hotels—both luxury and economy, a tourism related comprehensive area development programme, upgradation of tourist coaches and taxies, etc. are part of on-going Government strategy for boosting tourism.

Special passes for representative of M.Ps. for airport entrance

2494. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to issue an order so that no frisking is required for MPs and Ex-MPs at the airports; and

(b) if so, whether Government also plan to issue special passes for atleast one representative of MPs at different airports in the country to enable them to enter the airport to receive and send off MPs during their tours?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Helicopter service between Madras and Tirupati

2495. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce helicopter services between Madras and Tirupati; and

(b) if so, by when these services are likely to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Irregular air services for Tirupati

2496. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that serveral complaints of irregularities have been received regarding the operation of Vayudoot Services to Tirupati, a pilgrim centre;

(b) if so, whether these have been looked into; and

(c) whether it is proposed to link Tirupati with Indian Airlines Services?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Complaints have been received on irregular flights of Vayudoot to Tirupati.

(b) Yes, Sir. Within the constraint of resources, remedial action has been taken.

(c) No, Sir.

Appointment of booking agents by Indian Airlines

2497. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the names of authorised booking agents of Indian Airlines functioning under its Gauhati, Jorhat, Dimapur and Dibrugarh stations along with the respective dates when they were so appointed ;

(b) the details of new appointments of booking agents by Indian Airlines under these stations, stationwise during the last five years, year-wise details;

(c) the amount of direct sales generated by these four stations during the last five years, stationwise upto November, 1991;

(d) the amount of sales generated by booking agents under the said stations, and the amount of sales commission paid to these booking agents, during the last five years upto November, 1991; and

(e) whether any of the said agents has applied to Indian Airlines for provision of Computerised Reservation Terminal (CRT) facility at his/their office, if so, the names of such agents and by when they will be provided with the CRT facility ?